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## School District Eyes Improvements for the Twenty-first Century

The Romulus Community Schools Board of Education has a process underway to determine the needs for building renovation, remodeling, and restructuring of all school buildings to better meet the needs of today's students.

"We are working this summer to hold meetings with parents, teachers, and taxpayers to discuss the proposed plans," said Art McPharlin, who is coordinating the effort for the District. "We have a great tax base in this town, and we are in a position to make major improvements to prepare our students for the twenty-first century without a major impact on our tax rate," he said.

The District has outlined several goals and objectives to be considered:

1. Provide a Twenty-first-Century comprehensive high school with high-tech shops and modern instructional technology in all the classrooms. One of the choices under consideration is to build a modern high school facility around the existing junior high on Wick Road.
2. Make technological improvements in every school building in the District to provide computerized instruction, student tracking, VCRs, and other modern tools to improve instructional techniques and increase student outcomes.
3. Make other improvements and corrections in each building to provide a more modern and productive learning environment and a more cost-effective maintenance program.

Superintendent William Bedell said, "Some districts in the State and Nation are moving toward these kinds of improvements. Our students deserve to

be part of a progressive, modern educational program and plan. If our kids are to stay competitive, we must provide our teachers with modern technology." Bedell went on to point out the District's great commercial/industrial tax base: "We can provide these improvements with little impact on the tax rate, and future tax-base growth will further provide easier payoff," he stated.

The District plans a number of meeting dates for the summer involving architect Thomas Chen and Wayne State University technical consultant Dr. John Childs. A partial listing of the meetings for staff, parents, and the general public follows:

- **July 10, 1990**  
Architect Tom Chen will meet with Junior High staff and administrators (at the present high school) from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., with Wick School staff and administrators at 1:30 p.m., and with Cory School staff and administrators at 3 p.m.
- **July 11, 1990**  
Architect Tom Chen will meet with Barth School staff and administrators at 8:30 a.m., with Merriman School staff and administrators at 9:45 a.m., and with Halecreek School staff and administrators at 11 a.m. Parent information meetings will be held at Mt. Pleasant School (39000 Superior) at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- **July 23, 1990**  
Architect Tom Chen will meet with Central Office staff at 3 p.m. at the Board Office. Later, he will attend the Board meeting at 7 p.m. to give an update on the meetings to

the Board and the public.

- **July 30, 1990**  
The Board and the public will receive a report and recommendation at a special Board meeting to be held at 7:30 p.m.
- **August 6, 1990**  
The architect, administrators, and Board members will meet with the Department of Education regarding a possible bond issue.
- **August 13, 1990**  
At the regular Board meeting at

7:30 p.m., the Board will consider a resolution authorizing the bond issue.

District representatives indicate a growing excitement about the future prospects of our school district. "People are sensing that they will affect education in our area for the next 50 years by participating in these decisions," Bedell stated.

If you would like to become involved, call Art McPharlin at the Board Office (941-1600). □

## "Battle of the Bulge" Tribute Tearful

by Dave Atkins

Recently, I attended a memorial observance that meant a lot to me. It was a ceremony held in remembrance of World War II's "Battle of the Bulge." No, I am not old enough to have been there myself, but some of my relatives were. In fact, an uncle of mine who just recently passed away served his country during that famous battle.

The ceremony was held at the Romulus VFW on Huron River Drive. Before I attended it, I had not realized that so many people from this area had been involved in that particular battle, nor had I known how many of our residents died in that conflict.

Many dignitaries were on hand for the ceremony, including Romulus Mayor Beverly McAnally, State Representative James Kosteva, a representative for Congressman William Ford, Representative Lynn Owen, Representative Bob

DeMars, Senator George Hart, Van Buren Trustee Pat Birbeck, and others from the Civil Air Patrol, 82nd Airborne Division, 101st Airborne Division, and the 77th Armored Division.

It was a moving ceremony. Especially touching was past-Post Commander Bill Wrijil's reading of the meaning of each fold made in the American flag when it was taken from the flagpole.

Another emotional moment came when taps was played. It was the first time that I had ever heard it played in quite that way, with two bugles, and it frankly brought tears to my eyes. The playing of the bagpipes was also something to hear, and really enjoyable.

Still another touching moment was the presentation and placing of the memorial wreath.

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## Ellis Pennington A-Okay, Home After Surgery for Lung Cancer

by Dave Atkins

It seems that you just can't hold a good man down.

Councilman Ellis Pennington had major surgery last week when part of one of his lungs was removed because of cancer. The surgery was so successful that he didn't spend any time in intensive care and was back home only seven days after the operation.

The doctor who performed the surgery used a new operating technique, and Pennington was told that, if all goes well (and the doctors feel that it will), the remaining portion of his lung should expand to fill the cavity left be-

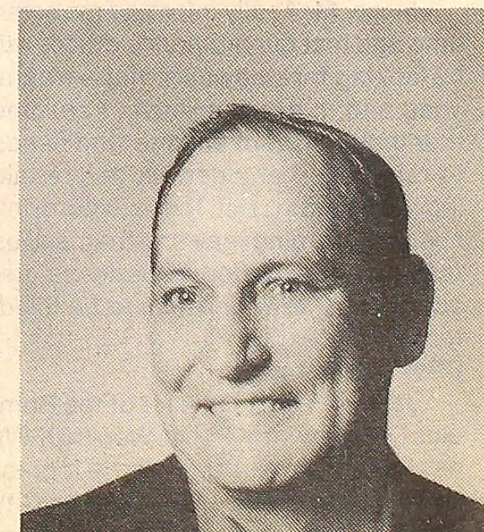
hind by surgery within a year's time.

When I talked to Pennington after his return, he sounded a little weak, but good, and he was in good spirits. When he told me of his plans to attend the City Council meeting on June 25, I asked him if he should be going back to work so soon. He replied that his doctor was encouraging him to exercise as much as possible without overdoing, and, besides, he felt that he had to be there for some important business concerning the City Budget that was on the agenda for that night.

Pennington has had to contend with several health problems over the past

year. First, three of his fingers were cut off in an accident at Kelsey-Hayes before his retirement from there; luckily, doctors were able to reattach them, and he now has almost complete use of all three fingers. The experience did leave him with some emotional problems to deal with, however, and he was just mastering those when he learned of his lung cancer.

But, through it all, Pennington's faith has given him the strength to rebound from his troubles and regain his naturally good spirits again and again. When I asked him what he thought about all his past experiences and his latest surgery, he said, "God takes care of his own, and I am one of the lucky ones." □



Seven days after his surgery for lung cancer, Councilman Ellis Pennington attended a City Council meeting.



# THE EDITOR'S OPINION

by Dave Atkins

It was very late when I came home from the office the other night. I had been putting up new partitions in our office, and, since I hadn't done any real work for quite some time, I was super tired; I went straight to bed. In my hurry to get into the house and "hit the hay," I didn't even notice that my daughter had parked our car an unusual distance from the fence at the top of our driveway. I just pulled my van in behind it, parked, went in, and went to bed.

The next morning, when I came upstairs (my bedroom is in the basement — it's cooler there), I looked out the window and, much to my surprise, saw a wet piece of paper on my windshield. Since people have, upon occasion, left notes for me on my windshield (especially concerning information for my newspaper), I assumed that the paper sticking to the glass was another such note. Well, I thought, it's raining; I had better go get it or I'll never be able to read it.

I was able to read it, all right: it was a ticket for being parked across the sidewalk. The charge was \$25.

Officer Liebert did his job, and I have no complaints about the ticket. It was my fault for not checking how far back my van was parked. According to one neighbor, the Officer came to my door and knocked, evidently to tell me to move it; however, since it was six in the morning when he came, and I was sleeping in the basement after coming home from work later and more tired than usual, it is understandable that he couldn't wake me. Hence, a ticket.

As I said, the Officer was doing his job — as he should have been — and, from what I understand, there will be many more tickets issued to vehicles parked across sidewalks in the future. If you park in such a manner, you deserve a ticket. It makes you mad at first, but, when you stop to realize that sidewalks are made to walk on, not drive on, the anger subsides somewhat.

Beware! Do not park on the sidewalk — you're liable to have a rude awakening!

## Speaking of Sidewalks . . .

Mayor McAnally informed me some time ago that our ordinance officer will be looking for sidewalks that are damaged and in need of repair. I assume that they will warn anyone who needs to repair his/her sidewalk before taking any action, but those who don't heed the warning may find themselves faced with a citation. (Goodness gracious, my sidewalk needs to be fixed, too. What next?)

## DPW Hard at Work

James Panos, Director of the Romulus Department of Public Works (DPW), has informed me that there is a great deal of work going on around the City this summer. The latest large project to be completed was an extensive road-repair job at Merriman and Pennsylvania roads, but our cost was kept at a minimum because of the Mayor's con-

tacts at the County Road Commission. (It was she who caused the County to pick up a major portion of the repairs.) There are also other road-repair jobs in the works, as well as tree-trimming and various other projects that have needed attention for quite some time.

Great work, folks! The place is looking better all the time!

## Sprucing Up

Tony Kopas just recently fixed up Grange Hall, and Felix Rogalle has had his building painted and repaired, too. Both look really great. It's too bad that some of the other business people in the downtown area don't do the same.

## DDA and TIFA

Now that the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has made attempts to include a much larger area than anticipated in the Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) projects, I wonder how long it will take them to decide to come up with some sort of parking lot for the downtown area.

I have harped on the Downtown parking subject in my newspaper for three years now, and it's about time that someone took some initiative to get something done about it. It's rather sickening that you can't find a place to park when you come Downtown to go to the drug store, hardware, Secretary of State, newspaper office, party store, beauty shop, barber shop, or restaurant. That is about the extent of the business in that area, folks, and yet we are still cramped for parking. What would happen if a really booming business ever opened there?

Everyone says, "Where are we going to get the money for a parking lot?" Well, it seems that we manage to get the money for many other not-so-popular projects; can't someone find the money to do something that would be not only popular, but productive as well? As it is, the parking signs Downtown allow for up to two hours of parking. Now, just where can you go in this town and shop for two hours? Ask the Police Department about it, and all you hear is, "We will look into it." They have been looking into it for three years now, and they ain't seen nothin' yet, folks. I guess this is a situation similar to the one concerning the light at the bend in Goddard going out of Town toward Five Points. They are still looking into that one, too.

## An Accident Waiting to Happen

Since I wrote about that light several months ago, there have been two bad accidents and several "near misses" there. The County did us a favor when Councilman Ellis Pennington raised so much hell about a four-way stop at Northline and Hannan roads. They put up a flashing two-way stop and a flashing two-way caution. Just last week, two young people were killed at that very intersection.

How long does it take to get someone with alleged intelligence to see that we have several problems that desperately need to be taken care of?

Red tape with the County and State is becoming life-threatening as far as I'm concerned, and I have found that many of the citizens of this city feel the same way. Maybe if a few of these educated so-and-sos lost their jobs, someone with not-so-many brains could get into office and get something done for the people they serve.

Yes, as you can probably tell by this time, I am very upset with some of the people in our town, county, and state governments. What is that old saying? When God passed out brains, some thought he said trains, and they said they didn't want any! □

## Fourth of July Family Fun Day at E. J. Park

by Dave Atkins

Once again, it is the time of year for a big family get-together at Elmer Johnson Park. The reason? It's the Fourth of July, of course.

This year's festivities will begin at 2 p.m., so those who like to get an early start can turn their celebration into an all-day affair. (Please note that the covered area with the cement floor is available to everyone on a first-come, first-get-it basis.) There will be games for kids and adults alike, a refreshment stand for those who don't want to bring their own food, and a fireworks display to cap off the day. The new fireworks company hired by Mayor McAnally and City Council assures us that this year's display will be better than any we have had in a long time.

For everyone's safety, the Mayor and the Police Department have asked people not to bring any personal fireworks to the park. Anyone caught setting off fireworks will be escorted out of the park by one of our friendly police officers, and we don't want to see that happen.

The Fourth of July is a special day in this country, and it's a special day in Romulus. It would be nice if we had more resident participation in our city's celebration of freedom.

So bring the kids and come down to Elmer Johnson Park on the Fourth. You can barbecue till your heart's content, join in the special activities, visit old friends, make new friends, watch the fireworks display, and, all in all, just have an enormously great time.

No politics this year. □

## "BULGE"

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As with most events like this, I was not really all that thrilled, initially, about having to attend — but, also as usual, I ended up being glad that I did. I would have missed a thrill of a lifetime if I hadn't gone, and it's something that I'll always remember. There were many, many heartwarming moments, as well as many, many tears — both of sorrow and joy.

Congratulations to everyone concerned with VFW Post 9568 on a job well-done by all. □

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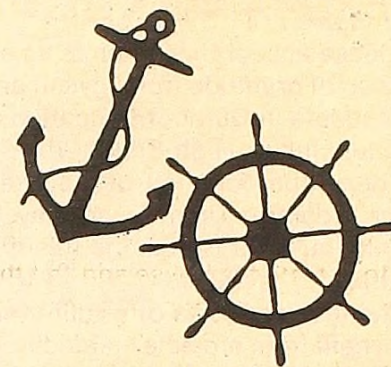
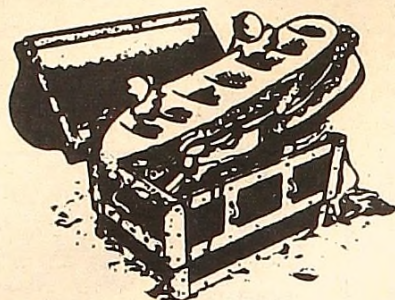
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The many species of wildlife that will benefit from projects created from this material will include both game and non-game species such as bluebirds, wrens, swallows, owls, wood ducks, and geese. Many nest boxes and resting platforms will be constructed and placed around our communities this winter and spring, and many young minds will develop positive attitudes towards our environment and wildlife, all due to your generosity.

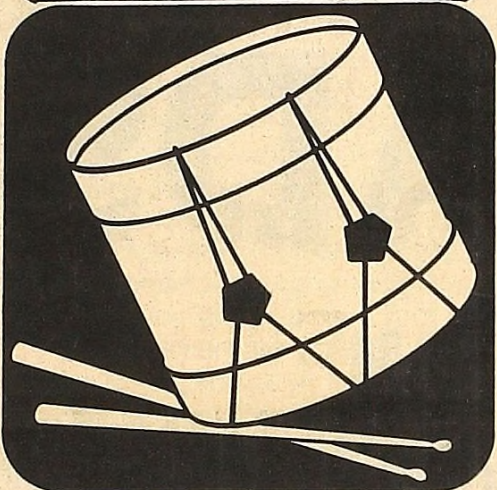
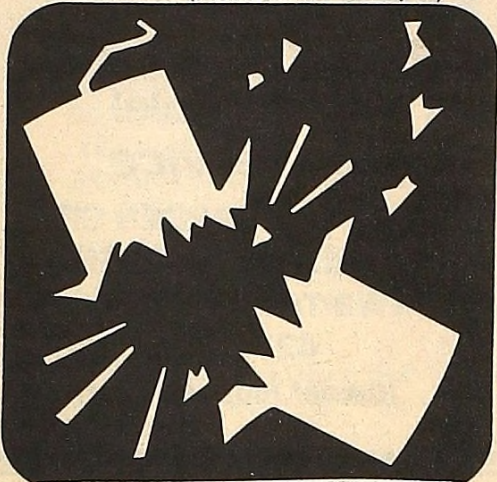
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I wish there was some way to more adequately repay you and N. A. Man's for your considerations. I hope the knowledge that your investment in our students is being used to teach them valuable lessons regarding our respon-

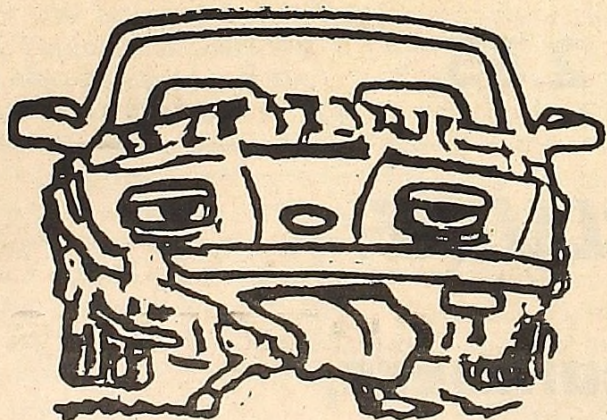
sibility towards the environment while providing them with the materials needed to complete several sound practices to aid wildlife is the kind of repayment you are hoping for.

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Yours in the outdoors,  
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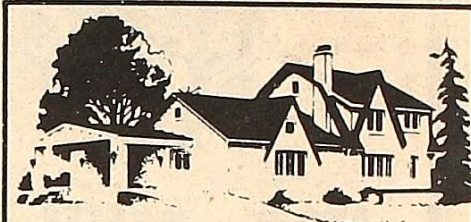
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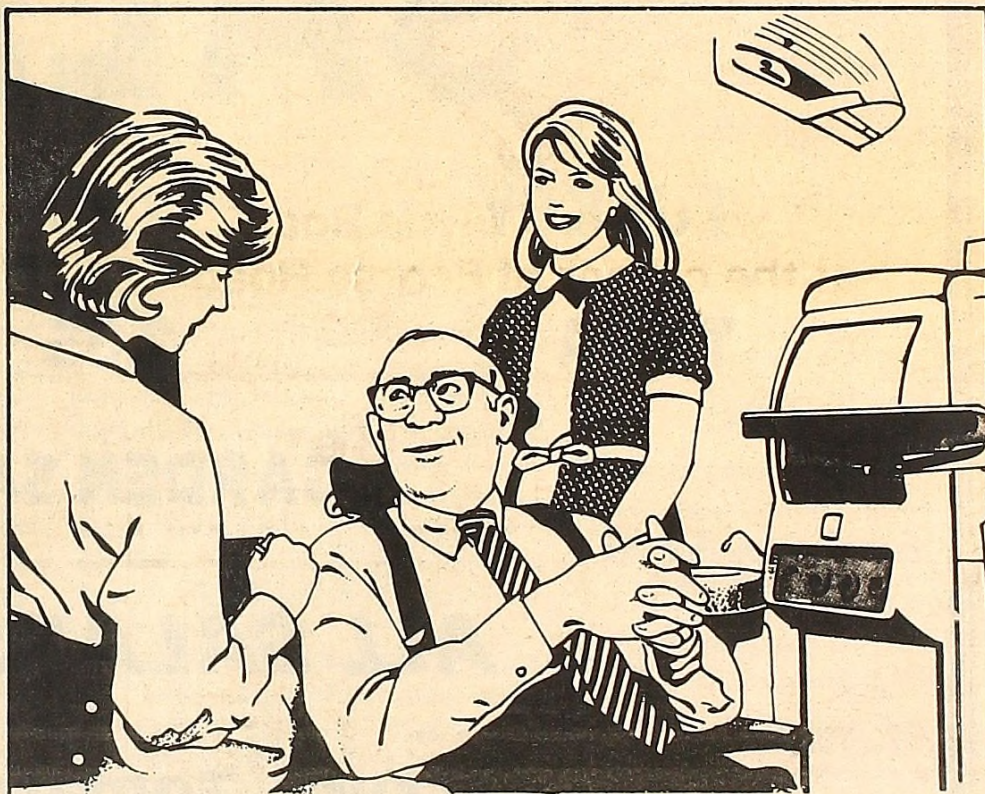
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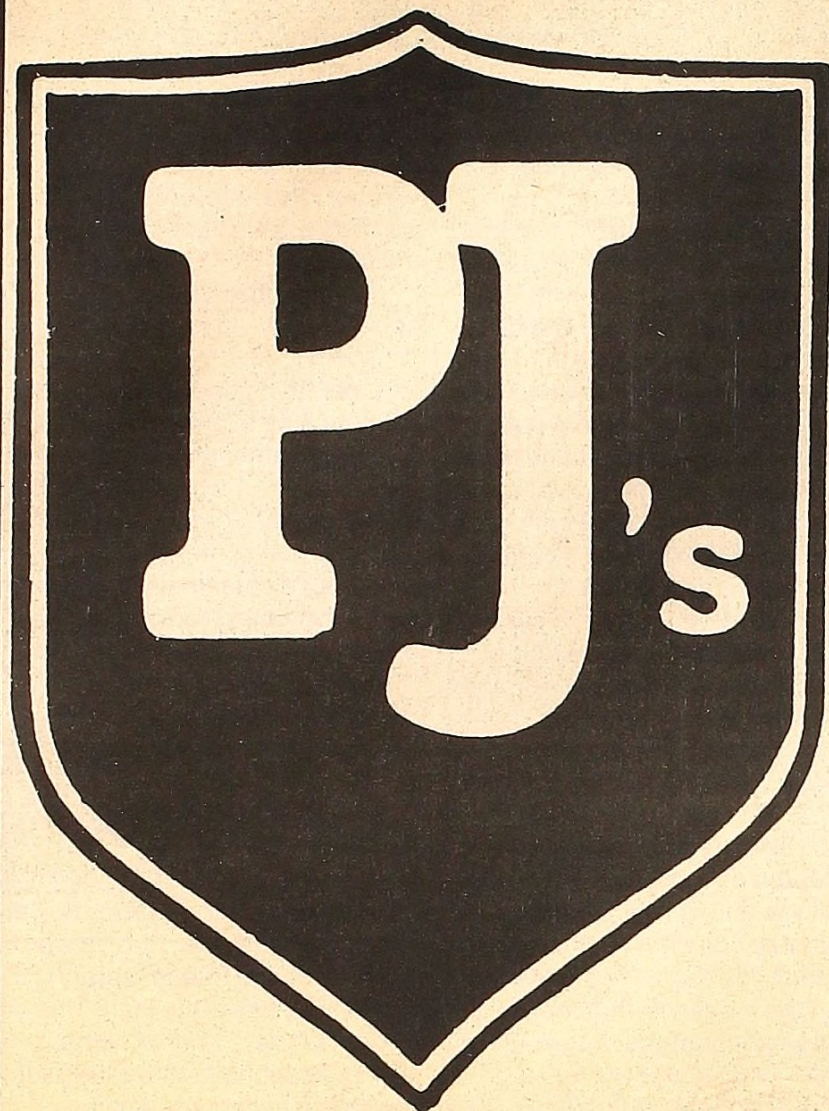
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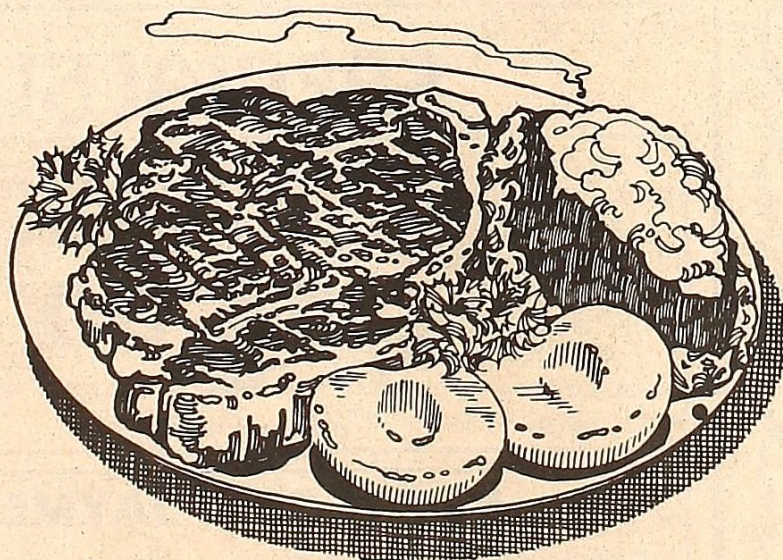
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# by TOM SHAMANSKI



## Some Donuts & A New Bike

Psychiatric intervention may be near, folks, as, once again, I've embarked on a "Forever & Ever" fitness program. Currently, I'm into running, walking, jogging, rowing, lifting weights, aerobic classes, calisthenics, curling, square dancing, marbles, and bicycling. Although I like marbles best, bicycling will probably be the exercise that *I will do for the rest of my life*. At least with biking, I can go far enough to reach Dan Donut's Doughnuts & Used Car Shop.

One day last week, after pumping a torturous four blocks to Dan's, I was parked at my usual stool at the end of the counter. Suddenly, a tall, willowy, toothpick of a man sat down next to me. Sporting a red suit with black polka dots, and a somewhat bright fluorescent pink- and blue-striped tie, he was quite the dresser, I thought. He introduced himself as Stu — Stu D. Bakker — and began questioning me about my bike.

"So, Scooter," he said. "Where'd you get that nifty bike? ... From your mama?"

He wasn't far off. Actually, it's my

sister's bike; I'm renting with an option to buy. "Naw," I replied. "It's my girl friend's, but she lets me, ah, use it to work out on. Why?"

"Well, Dolly Donut told me you're an avid cyclist. Is that true?"

"Absolutely. ... But who's Dolly Donut?"

"Dan's wife. You know, Dan and Dolly Donut."

Finally, I knew what he was talking about. About two weeks earlier, I had told Dan's waitress how I had finished second in the county's Annual Bicycle Demolition Derby. That must have been Dolly, herself.

"Well, listen, Scoot, if you're really serious about bicycling, maybe I can help you out."

"Oh, I'm serious, sir. I'm into biking *for the rest of my life*," I answered cautiously.

"Yep, I kinda thought so. Now, I've got a new, experimental, high-tech, state-of-the-art bicycle that would be perfect for you."

Ordering more of Donut's doughnuts, he began describing this new

bike. First, it was totally enclosed for maximum protection against the elements. Also, instead of handlebars, it had a circular wheel for steering, and instead of the usual bicycle seat, it came equipped with an actual chair, located right behind the wheel for steering.

"But can you pump it?" I asked hesitantly.

"Sure, there's a pedal on the left side that needs pumping all the time. C'mon outside; I'll show ya."

With that, we steered over to the counter, grabbed a couple more doughnuts, and stroked out into Donut's parking lot. Stu pointed to what looked to be an old, rust-devoured, 1972 Plymouth.

"There she is, Scoot; all yours for the asking, and a few bucks."

"But, Mr. Bakker, sir, it's a car."

"Noooo, my son, it's an enclosed bicycle that *looks like a car* — and that's the beauty of it."

"Huh?"

"Scooter, have you ever been mugged?"

"Well, yes, when I was jogging one night a couple of years ago. It's funny you ask; I was telling Mrs. Donut about it just the other day."

"So, don't you get it? You'll be working out on the inside of what looks like a car, and who's going to mug you in a car?"

He was absolutely right, of course. Nobody would bother me in a car, especially a car as beat up and wrinkled as the first dollar I ever made. Within minutes, we struck a deal: \$2,999 cash,

and he'd even throw in an AM radio. Quickly, Stu scooted off.

The next morning, I was working out in my new, enclosed bike, when a policeman pulled me over. When I asked why, he told me that I had expired license plates. Then, he asked for my registration and proof of insurance.

"For a bike, Mr. Officer? I don't understand."

"Listen, citizen, this is no bike. You're looking to cop an insanity plea, right?"

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Later, the judge straightened everything out. She explained that I had been taken by a rather unique car salesman. So, I asked her, what can I do?

Her Honor, furrowing her brow and studying me some, finally said, "If I were you, I'd enter the Annual Used-Car Demolition Derby. You might win enough to buy a few marbles." □

## Arts & Crafts Fair Set for Fall

The Romulus Arts Council will sponsor its annual Arts & Crafts Fair on Saturday, September 15, on the grounds of the Romulus Public Library (11121 S. Wayne Rd.) near City Hall. This year's fair will be held *rain or shine*.

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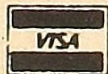
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# Recreation Center

## Fourth of July Community Picnic

Games, prizes, music, and fireworks will be featured this Fourth at Elmer Johnson Park. Fun for all ages begins at 2 p.m.; fireworks will begin at dark. Come early and stay late. Note: Personal fireworks are prohibited.

## Let's Bike

People of all ages are invited to meet for a day of fun, noncompetitive biking at Lower Huron Metropark on Saturday, June 30. (Meet at Mt. Pleasant School at 9 a.m.) Please come and join in — you'll make new friends and enjoy yourself.

## Kids in Motion

This summer, a new program for five- and six-year-olds is being offered at Halecreek Elementary from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays. The fee for the program, which will include day camp and swimming, is \$10 per participant or \$15 per family. Sign up now; the six-week program, which began this week, will end August 3.

## Movies in the Park

The first of this summer's free "Movies in the Park," *Swiss Family Robinson*, will be shown on Tuesday, July 10, at Merriman Park, and Wednesday, July 11, at Fernandez Park. (Movies will be shown on the tennis courts beginning at dark.) Bring your own lawn chairs and coolers for an evening of family fun.

## Let's Dance

A 10-week session of dance classes will be held at the Recreation Building on Tuesdays beginning July 10 according to the following schedule: Preschool Dance (4 to 4:45 p.m.), Beginning Tap (4:45 to 5:15 p.m.), Beginning Ballet (5:15 to 6 p.m.), Beginning Jazz (6 to 6:45 p.m.), Continuing Tap (6:45 to 7:15 p.m.), Continuing Ballet (7:15 to 8 p.m.), and Continuing Jazz (8 to 8:45 p.m.). All continuing dance classes are for students who have had one year of that particular dance. The registration fee is \$15 per student; there are no refunds or additions after three weeks.

## Youth Fitness (Junior Olympics)

Once again, Romulus will be participating in the Youth Fitness Program. Practices will be held at each Playground Program site (see below). Our local meet will be held on Thursday, July 12 (rain date will be Monday, July 16). Winners of the local meet will compete in the regional meet at Kensington Park on Thursday, July 26. Note: A new division for eight-year-olds has been added this year. For further details, contact your local Playground Program leader.

## Playground Programs

Beginning this week, summer playground programs will be conducted at various sites from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays, with special trips on Fridays. The regular program will run through August 3; special trips will run through August 17.

The program fee of \$10 per child or \$15 per family covers arts & crafts and other on-site activities, plus transpor-

tation to Elmer Johnson Park for day-camp activities including tennis and archery lessons. The program fee *does not* cover swimming at Willow Park or the special trips. Participants must be registered at the Recreation Building before attending.

Program sites are Halecreek, Merriman, Cory, Mt. Pleasant, the Civic Center, and Coleman Center; park sites are Cordell, Park #1 (10 a.m. to 12 p.m.), Fernandez (1 to 3 p.m.), and Elmer Johnson; and day-camp sites are Willow Park and Elmer Johnson Park.

Special trips are scheduled as follows: June 29 (Wave Pool), July 13 (Rollerskating), July 20 (Four Bears Park), July 27 (Wave Pool), August 3 (Detroit Zoo), August 10 (Rollerskating), and August 16 (Lang Park).

For more information, contact the Recreation Department at 942-6852.

## Rustic Camping Trip

The Recreation Department will conduct two rustic camping sessions: one for boys (July 13-15) and one for girls (August 10-12). Ages eight to 14 are welcome. The \$20-per-student fee includes food, lodging, and transportation. Participants are limited to the first 34 for each weekend. You must pre-register on or before July 6 for boys or August 3 for girls. Note: rustic camping means no running water, outdoor toilets, and cooking out-of-doors.

## Beach Volleyball

The next Beach Volleyball Tournament will be held July 7 and July 8 at Elmer Johnson Park. (Saturday will be four-on-four co-ed; Sunday will be men's and women's two-on-two.) Game play will begin at 9 a.m. Register at the Recreation Building; the entry fee is \$10 per team. For further information, call the Recreation Office (942-6852) and ask for Kevin or Rick.

## Karate

Karate classes will be held at the Recreation Building on Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. beginning July 12 and running through August 30. The fee for the eight-week program is \$18. All ages are welcomed. Preregistration at the Recreation Building is required.

## Youth Softball

The time to register for the Youth Softball League is now. Teams are forming and practices will soon start. Games will be played during the month of July. Boys and girls ages seven to 17 are welcome. The fee is \$20 per player or \$30 per family. Register at the Recreation Building. (A birth certificate is required if the child was not registered last year.) There will be no refunds after games begin.

## Youth Golf Lessons

PGA pro, David Toth, is now offering Youth Golf Lessons for ages 10-16 on Saturdays from 10 to 11 a.m. at Par Four Golf (31825 Ecorse Road). Sessions will end July 7. The cost is \$2 per lesson. Register now at the Recreation Building.

## Golf Lessons for Adults and Teens

For a \$31 fee, students (limit of 12

per class) can now register at the Recreation Building for golf lessons with PGA pro, David Toth. Classes will be held on Tuesdays beginning July 10 (five-week session), and students can choose from either a morning session (10 to 11 a.m.) or an evening session (6 to 7 p.m.). Lessons will be held at Par Four Golf (31825 Ecorse Road).

## Jazzercise for Adults

Adults ages 20-60 can register for a 12-session Jazzercise class to be held at the Recreation Building from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays from now through July 30. The fee for the program is \$36.

## ADULT SOFTBALL STANDINGS

The following represents the Adult Softball standings as of June 14:

### Monday/Wednesday, Men

	W	L
Garner's Jewelry	10	0
Davis Auto Body	9	1
PJ's/Suburban Oil	7	3
MBM Fabricators	5	5
B.K.D.S.	4	6
Cater Air	3	7
Northwest Airlines	1	9
Woolf Aircraft	1	9

Monday/Wednesday, Women	W	L
Brendco	10	0
Village Ford	7	3
Walter's Bar	7	3
Toni's Nite Club	7	5
Senate Coney Island	5	3
Cater Air	2	8
F. X. Coughlin	1	9
Kelsey-Hayes	1	9

### Friday, Red Division

	W	L
Kerr Manufacturing	4	0
Federal Mogul	3	1
Murray Recon Center	3	1
Uncle Joe's	2	1
Haynes Engineering	2	2
Marauder's	2	2
Kelsey-Hayes	1	2
Last Call Bar	0	3

### Friday, Blue Division

	W	L
Double Eagle	3	1
Ed's Place	3	1
Landing Strip Lounge	3	1
Michigan Steel	3	1
Skone's Place	3	1
M & M Market	1	3
Belleville Lodge	0	4
Form Flow	0	4

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## Get Ready to Bike-Hike!

### Bike-Hike Trail Opens

This year, a new five-mile paved bike-hike trail is available for public use at the Lower Huron Metropark near Belleville.

William E. Kreger, Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority Commissioner who represents Wayne County, stated that this new facility cost over \$470,000 and was completed in late 1989.

The trail starts at the Hannan Road entrance to the park, runs parallel to the parkway, and provides a view of several park facilities.

Bike rentals will also be available at the Swimming Pool Complex in the park, according to Ernest W. Burkeen, Jr., park superintendent.

### Bike-Hike Safety Tips

Donald J. Ruedisueli, chief park ranger at Stony Creek Metropark, says that all Bike-Hike trail users (bikers, joggers, and walkers) should observe these safety tips:

- Check your bikes for any possible defects prior to starting out.
- Walk and ride to the right.
- Ride at a safe speed and give pedestrians the right of way (10 miles per hour, maximum).
- Pass on the left and give prior warning when approaching others from the rear.
- Ride defensively — meaning, be prepared for situations that are potentially dangerous.
- Ride single file when approaching other riders or pedestrians.
- Parents with tot passengers — make sure rear wheel spokes are covered on your bike.
- Beware when approaching a pedestrian with a dog on a leash.
- Move off the trail when you stop.

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## Parent Input Requested

More than 40 interested parents will be involved this summer as the Romulus School District redesigns its school facilities, kindergarten through twelfth grade. The first informational meeting is scheduled for July 11, 1990, at Mt. Pleasant School, 39000 Superior. For the convenience of all parents, two meeting times have been set: 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The meetings, scheduled to last for two hours, will be conducted by Dr. John Childs, the educational technology consultant hired by the School District. Dr. Childs will use some of the meeting time to make parents aware of the current technology available to better meet the needs of all students. He also will listen to the parents to receive their

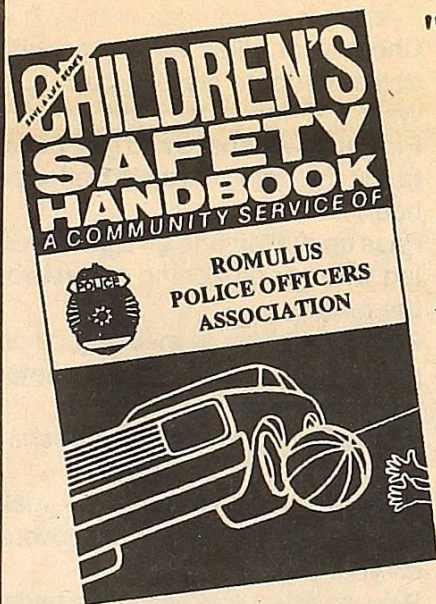
answers to the question, "What educational goals do you have for the students in Romulus Schools?" After the Awareness session and answers to the questions, Dr. Childs and the parents will explore instructional, classroom, and building educational technology requirements for all three educational levels.

Parents wishing to become involved in the process should call Art McPharlin at the Board of Education Office — 941-1600. Your involvement is needed and encouraged! □

## Have a Safe and Happy 4th of July!

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## — ROMULUS CHURCH DIRECTORY —

**ASSEMBLY OF GOD** — 36572 Goddard / Evangelist Tom Stafford, Jr., Pastor / Sunday School - 2:00 p.m. / Sunday Worship Service - 3:00 p.m. / Tuesday Evening Worship Service - 7:00 p.m.

**BETHANY APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH** — 34584 Beverly Road / 729-4240 / Elder Reginald Williams, Pastor / Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m. / Sunday Evening Service - 7:30 p.m.

**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH** — 11338 Ozga Road / 941-0236 / Marvin Hawbaker, Pastor / Bob Casement, Associate Pastor / Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. / Sunday Adult Bible Study - 10:00 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m. / Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST** — 9426 S. Wayne Road / Office: 941-1105 / Daily Bible Message: 941-1004 / Evangelist Ron Daly: 941-6659 / Sunday Bible Study - 10:00 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m. / Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

**CHURCH OF GOD - ROMULUS** — 8770 S. Wayne Road / Parsonage: 729-7243 / Church: 729-4884 / Rev. Douglas M. Bishop, Pastor / Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m. / Sunday Children's Church - 11:00 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 6:30 p.m. / Family Training Service - Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

**MARTIN TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST** — 6566 S. Wayne Road / 326-1270 / Rev. E. Martin, Pastor / Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. / Sunday Worship - 12:00 p.m. / Prayer and Bible Study - Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. / Friday Worship Service - 5:30

**THE COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** — 11160 Olive Street / Parsonage: 941-3474 / J.D. Landis, Pastor: 941-0736 / Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.

**ROMULUS WESLEYAN CHURCH** — 37300 Goddard Road (5 Points) / 941-1511 / Rev. Donald McClellan, Pastor / Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m. / Prayer Meeting, Youth Meeting and CYCI Meeting - Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

**SAINT CITY CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST** — 7335 Washington / 595-0629 / Pastor: Elder James Lee Whitehead / Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 7:00 p.m. / Sunday Evening Radio Broadcast on WMUZ-FM 103.5 at 7:30 p.m. / Tuesday Evening Bible Study and Youth Night - 7:00 p.m. / Choir Rehearsal - Tuesday, 8:30 p.m. / Friday Evening Family Night - 7:00 p.m.

**THE HOUSE OF GOD CHURCH #2** — 34156 Beverly Road / 729-6440 / Bishop Lovell Wooden, Sr., Pastor / Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11:30 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 7:30 p.m. / Bible Study - Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. / Prayer Service / Choir Rehearsal - Thursday, 6:00 p.m. / Free Transportation for Church Service - Call 729-6440

**COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH** — 6200 Fourth Street / 729-0630 / Office: 837-1302 / Rev. Thomas, Acting Pastor / 837-5273 / Sunday School - 9:00 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 7:00 p.m.

**FAITH HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH** — Oakbrooke Villa Club House / 30251 Elm Street (1 Block off Eureka) / Rev. Earl W. Ellison, Sr. Pastor / 941-4855 or 721-8489 / Sunday School - 10:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11:30 a.m.

**WAYNECOURSE CHURCH OF CHRIST** — 7066 Wayncourse / 722-0454 / Earl Truss, Minister: 326-0918 / James Motley, Associate Minister: 561-3108 / Sunday Bible School - 10:00 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m. / Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

**PARKS MEMORIAL A.M.E.** — 11547 Grover Street / 941-0771 / Rev. Jeffery Baker, Pastor / Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m. / Wednesday Bible Study - 6:00 p.m.

**BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH** — 30055 Ecorse Road / 728-1845

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH** — 11412 Delano Street / 941-0225

**MOUNT OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH** — 35565 Beverly Road / 729-2460

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**UNION GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH** — 6312 Wayne Road / 721-5052

**SAINT ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH** — 11280 Ozga Road / 941-5056

**CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY** — 7201 Kempa Street / 729-2283

**PENTECOSTAL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH** — 35625 Vinewood Street / 728-1390

**BALL ROAD TABERNACLE** — 7007 Ball Road / 722-9638

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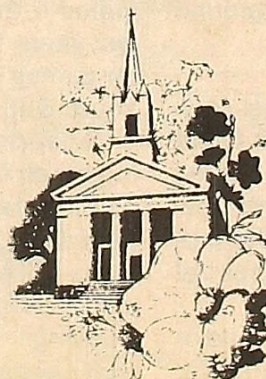
**SALVATION ARMY** — 33750 Goddard Road / 941-5100

**BELLEVILLE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** — 11900 Belleville Road / Belleville / 697-8687 / Sunday School - 9:00 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. / Craft Circle - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. / Women's Association Meeting - 2nd Monday of each month

**BETHANY CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH** — 35737 Vinewood / 326-0810 / Rev. Robert L. Gordon, Pastor / Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.

If you would like to have your church listed in the church directory, or, if you have changes or additions in church information, please send information to:

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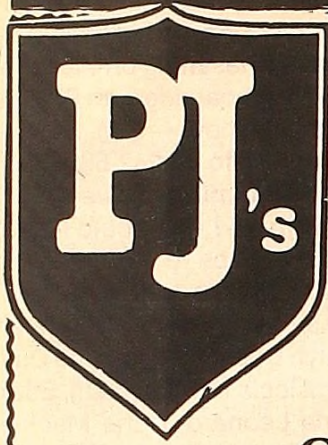
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## Four RHS Students Attend World Affairs Conference

by John Domas, Romulus High School Counselor

Four Romulus High School students attended the Fourteenth Annual World Affairs Seminar at the University of Wisconsin, thanks to scholarships awarded by local clubs and organizations. The seminar was staged June 10-15.

The recipients of the scholarships, valued at \$200, were Yolanda Hullum, daughter of Leverage and Donna Hullum (sponsored by the Progressive Club); Amanda Kesner, daughter of Howard and Alice Kesner (sponsored by the Rotary Club); Marci Tomchick, daughter of Mark and Linda Tomchick (sponsored by the Kiwanis Club); and Steven Yates, son of Kenneth and Linda Akers (sponsored by the Rotary Club).

The World Affairs Seminar is a personalized educational program for specially selected high school students. Its primary purpose is to bring about a better understanding of world problems on the part of high school students through a study of current issues, while at the same time providing the opportunity to discuss those issues with young people from the countries concerned.

Emphasis is placed upon promoting a better understanding of the causes of world conflict with the thought that, if the causes are understood, world problems are more likely to be solved peacefully.

Students from foreign lands made up about one-fifth of the total number of participants. They came from 50 different countries through several exchange

programs. This enabled both U.S. students and foreign students to learn about the customs, traditions, aspirations, and heritage of each other. There were approximately 1,000 high school students from throughout the United States and Canada, along with 250 foreign exchange students.

The experience of living on a college campus was both exciting and worthwhile. Students had five nights lodging in a double-occupancy dormitory room and all meals (including a banquet), heard various speakers, saw films, participated in panels and group discussions, viewed foreign exhibits, and received name tags, portfolios, and other seminar materials. University recreational facilities were open for student use, as was the University Health Center for emergency health care.

I would like to thank the following people for their help, support, and assistance in making it possible to send so many well-qualified, highly motivated and deserving students to this seminar: Mae Jackson, William Knight, and Al Wilkerson, Romulus High School Counselors; Michael Prybyla, Romulus Rotary Club; Gerald Nault, Romulus Progressive Club and Romulus Kiwanis Club; Susan Vogel-Anderson, Dwayne Harper, Henry James, Gail Coleman, Ann Scott, and William Raeck, teachers; and Bonnie Bossidis, Guidance Office secretary. □



Steven Yates, Amanda Kesner, Yolanda Hullum, and Marci Tomchick

### INVITATION TO BID

for Food Management Services for the 1990-91 School Year. Copies of the specifications may be obtained Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Romulus Community Schools' Administrative Offices, 36540 Grant Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174, (313) 941-1600, Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Bids will be due and a public opening will be held at the above address on July 18, 1990, at 2 p.m.

### MEET THE CANDIDATE

Tom and Sue Endreszl will be hosting an informal get-together to give people the opportunity to meet Clark Durant, a candidate for the United States Senate, on Sunday, July 8, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. This is your chance to meet Clark and learn, first hand, how he stands on current issues. Everyone is welcome! Light refreshments will be provided. RSVP: 941-9171 (please call after 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, or after 9:00 a.m. on weekends).

## SENIOR NEWS & EVENTS

by Mary E. Clark

Special thanks are due to Frances Heimes-Savickis, Field Representative for the Social Security Administration's branch office in Inkster; Sheila Hicks, Manager of Romulus Towers; Marilyn Masters, Senior Citizens Coordinator for the City of Romulus; and Barbara Schultz, Senior Center staff member, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

### Assignment Rates Available

A list of names is available for people who want to choose a doctor or medical supplier in this area who will accept Medicare assignment, according to the Social Security Administration.

Each Medicare carrier publishes a *Physician/Supplier Assignment Rate List* for the local service area. The Social Security offices in the carrier's service area receive a copy of this list for use as a reference source.

The list shows the name, address, and percentage of assignments for each doctor and supplier in the preceding year. The assignment rate is shown in a range from 0% to 100%. If a doctor practices as part of a group, the group's name and assignment rate are shown.

A person can come into the Social Security office and look at the list to find out which doctors accepted assignment in the past year and about how often. This is not a guarantee, however, that the doctor will accept assignment. Doctors choose to accept assignment on a case-by-case basis.

The Medicare carrier in this area is listed in the back of *Your Medicare Handbook*. People who need a copy of the handbook can call Social Security at 1-800-234-SSA (1-800-234-5772). The best times to call are from 7 to 9 a.m. or 5 to 7 p.m. weekdays.

### News from the Senior Center

**Downriver Senior Olympics** — Almost everyone will find an event to match his/her interests and abilities at this year's Downriver Senior Olympics, to be held August 6-9. Events will include table tennis, swimming, bridge, bowling, baking, tennis, checkers, softball throw, frisbee toss, horseshoes, basketball shoot, pool, volleyball, golf, shuffleboard, pinochle, euchre, and a dance contest. Each senior participating will receive free transportation and a t-shirt. Don't miss out on the fun — sign up today!

**Trips** — Several short trips scheduled for next month give Romulus seniors a perfect opportunity for a bit of travel. For those who like to add a little spice of adventure to their lives, there's an overnight "Mystery Trip" scheduled for Thursday and Friday, July 26 and 27 (round-trip motorcoach transportation, lodging for one night, one dinner, one lunch, one breakfast, one show, admissions, baggage handling, and taxes and tips on all included food and lodging — \$128 triple occupancy, \$131 double occupancy, \$149 single occupancy). Or, if you're just looking to get away for the day, there's a trip to Port Stanley,

Ontario, on Thursday, July 5 (scenic train ride, leisurely boat cruise, lunch at a historical 1849 Inn, and shopping — \$47) and one to Chesaning on Wednesday, July 11 (showboat ride with Phyllis Diller, dinner, and show — \$39). Call the Center for more info — 942-6852.

### News from the Romulus Towers

**Happy Birthday!** — I would like to send my best wishes to the following Towers residents with June birthdays: Florence Atchison, Bea Baer, Helen Bliznik, Evelyn Doemer, Geraldine Dull, Charles Fry, Alecia Karrick (staff), Ethal LaMar, Anna Leonard, Doris Mackie, Joseph Scibilia, and Donna Thorne.

**Welcome!** — On behalf of my neighbors at the Towers, I would like to welcome two newcomers to the Towers — William and Lucretia Maze. We hope that they'll enjoy living in our little community.

### Beware the "Senior Shuck"

Beware the "senior shuck" — the promise of the great senior travel discount that never materializes. "It's easy for a company to put the label, 'especially for seniors,' on a travel package or to promise a 'special rate for seniors.' But making the price senior-friendly and a real value is another matter," says Gene Malott, editor and publisher of *The Mature Traveler* newsletter, and the fellow who coined the term, "senior shuck."

"Too often, senior deals are shucks — come-ons dreamed up by a marketing department to lure seniors into thinking they're getting something they're not," Malott says.

For instance, one airline recently advertised a "special deal" for travelers over 60: round trip from New York to London for just \$369. "Well," Malott asks, "if it's such a special deal for seniors, how come anybody from 12 to 112 can fly the same route for just \$298 on a promotional fare?"

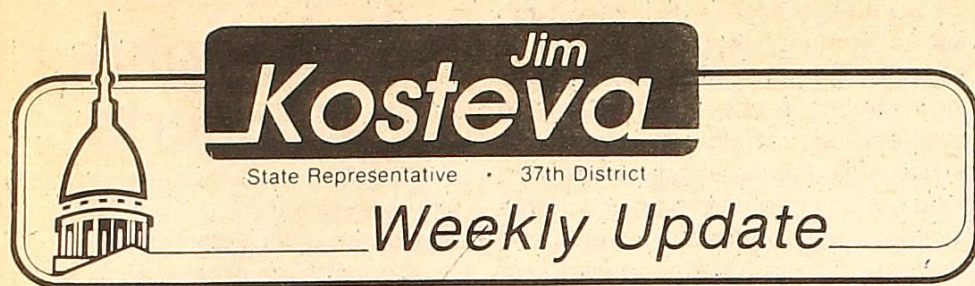
By contrast, a leading overseas airline gives seniors 10% off all fares, as well as discounts on package trips that include the Orient Express, African safaris, and Venice cruises.

"A real senior deal," Malott explains, "is a significant price reduction exclusively for those of a stated age. Often, such values result when a travel company has empty rooms or seats to fill at off hours or seasons — and those are precisely the times that a senior can travel without concern about working hours or school terms."

If you are 50 or older, you can probably save at least 25% of the cost of travel — if you know how to find the legitimate senior discount offers, says Malott.

For a free copy of *The Mature Traveler* newsletter, which lists hundreds of legitimate travel discounts for seniors (and exposes many not-so-great deals), send \$1 to cover postage and handling to: *The Mature Traveler*, P.O. Box 50820, Dept. A, Reno, NV 89513. □





### Bill Will Reinforce Elder Abuse Laws

Legislation that would strengthen State laws against abuse of older people has received full legislative approval. The new measure will modernize existing language and improve the emphasis of Michigan's Adult Protective Services Act, thereby improving its enforceability. The prominent role that substance abuse can play in physical abuse of older persons is also addressed in the new law.

### Bill Would Bar Food-Waste Backhauling

A bill has been introduced in the House that would prohibit the transportation of food in trailers or railroad cars that are also used to haul hazardous or solid waste. While "backhauling" of food in waste vehicles is reportedly quite common in other states, supporters of the House bill maintain that the practice is a threat to the safety of the food bought and consumed by the people of Michigan.

### Measure Allows Second Firearm Deer License

A bill that would allow an individual to purchase a second firearm deer license in a season for specific areas has received full legislative approval and been sent to the Governor to be signed into law. The new law will give the Department of Natural Resources more flexibility in managing deer herds when they overpopulate an area.

### House Bills Would Improve Health Care Discipline System

Legislation has been introduced in the House that would help avert malpractice crises by streamlining the licensure and discipline systems for the State's 200,000-plus licensed health care professionals. The licensing boards for all 15 currently licensed health specialties would continue to function separately, while the discipline process would be combined. The discipline process would include formal hearings by three-member regional boards, and a final review and appropriate disciplinary actions by a full-time State discipline board.

### House Bills Would Fund Elder Respite Centers

A package of bills passed by the House would provide additional funds for elder respite centers, where older people in need of care can stay for a few hours or a few days, giving their caregivers some relief. A new Respite Care Fund would be supported by recovery of State health insurance checks that were not cashed within seven years. The amount of the check would revert to the new fund, which would distribute the money to local agencies that provide respite services for older people.

### Lawmakers Okay Varying Construction Zone Speed Limits

Current Michigan law requires a 45-mile-per-hour speed limit through

the entire stretch of a highway construction area, even in areas where no actual work is being conducted and crews are not present. Under legislation passed by the House, State and local transportation officials could designate higher allowed speeds for specific areas of the construction zone, based on actual safety conditions.

### Proposed Legislation Would Reduce Auto Insurance Rates for Seniors

House lawmakers have approved legislation that would give retired senior citizens the right to waive work loss coverage in their auto insurance and receive a reduced premium rate. Seniors who decided against wage loss benefits would still be entitled to receive benefits to cover other expenses necessary in recovery from an accident, such as help with basic household tasks or errand running.

### Seniors Could Receive Discount on Homeowners Insurance Rates

Under a bill approved by the Legislature, insurance companies will be permitted, but not required, to offer discounted individual homeowner's insurance to people 55 years of age or older. Consideration of age has not been allowed when establishing rates for individual policies. This measure is intended to stimulate honest competition between insurance companies and give senior homeowners a break in their annual premiums.

### New State Center To Promote Rural Health

The Legislature has authorized a Center for Rural Health to be operated by the State and a major Michigan university. Experts at the center will develop a coordinated rural health plan and promote health education for rural residents and medical professionals. Rural areas have a higher percentage of older and poorer people, as well as higher unemployment rates, and more individuals and families in rural areas lack adequate health insurance.

### New Law Increases Mortgage Payment Options

A new State law will allow banks to offer biweekly mortgages to customers who would prefer to have their house payments automatically withdrawn from a checking account every two weeks. Withdrawals may be made from interest-bearing checking accounts or savings accounts. The accounts need not be kept with the financial institution issuing the mortgage.

### House Okays Optical Records Storage Package

The House has approved legislation that would allow certain public records to be made and kept on optical storage discs, as well as in "hard copy" form in photographs, photocopies, and microcopies. The bills establish standards for creating, processing, indexing, stor-

age, retrieval, durability, and inspection of reproductions by a governmental entity or governmental officials. Local government officials had called for the more convenient and up-to-date means of record management.

### Bill To Lighten Business Paperwork

A House bill approved by the Legislature will eliminate the need for some businesses to file duplicate paperwork at the county and State level. Limited partnerships transacting business under a company name must file their "doing-business-as" names with both the State and the county where they're located. This has proved to be an unnecessary duplication of effort, especially if the limited partnership plans to expand into different areas of the State. Under the new law, the filing will only have to be done at the State level.

### Legislation Assists Operators of Service Stations

The Legislature has passed a House bill that will give service station dealers who hold franchises from national oil companies more control over business decisions. The new law will allow the service station owners to sell or transfer a station to any qualified person of their choosing, whom the oil company could not reject without giving an objective reason. Under current regulations, oil companies are not required to give justification for rejecting a potential franchisee. Service station dealers would also be allowed to close for one holiday per year, based on their religious practices and local business conditions.

### Bill Clarifies State Securities Market Regulations

A bill that has received full legislative approval will enhance the integrity of the securities market in Michigan and eliminate unnecessary regulation. The legislation will clarify State standards for secondary securities trading and provide that securities issuers who meet the standards of the National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotation/National Market systems would be exempt from Michigan registration, as are firms that meet the criteria of the New York and American stock exchanges. □

## Don't Play with Hammertoes

by Dr. Jeffrey A. August, Foot Specialist and Surgeon

Sure, the name may sound kinky, with a drummer's beat like a treat for the feet, but the condition is less than fun. Hammertoe is the common name for a deformity in which the middle joint of a toe is bent permanently downward. There are degrees of severity.

A toe assumes this abnormal and eventually painful position simply to get out of the way of something. If toes are habitually crammed into shoes too short for them, or if toes move sideways to accommodate a bunion or other condition, a hammertoe can develop.

The tendency for hammertoes can also be inherited along with basic foot

structure, such as high arches or long toes. Often, the first sign of a hammertoe is a corn that develops on the top of the affected toe. The corn can be treated fairly easily, but it will reappear unless the hammertoe is corrected.

It is important to maintain flexibility in the toes and to give them room to do their work. Allowing ample room for the toes to stretch out in the shoes seems a simple solution, but it can work if followed faithfully. If faulty foot structure is the cause of the hammertoe, an orthotic device worn in the shoe may help keep the foot in proper alignment.

However, if the toe adopts the hammered position because of a nearby bunion, it is imperative that the bunion be corrected first. There's no sense in straightening the toe if the bunion is going to displace it again.

It's like the old song: "The toe bone's connected to the foot bone. The foot bone's connected to the ankle bone..." The corn is connected to hammertoe. The hammertoe is connected to the bunion. □

## Point of Law

by Murray A. Duncan, Jr., Attorney

The Child Custody Act states that the court shall not change the established custodial environment of a child unless there is presented clear and convincing evidence that it is in the best interest of the child.

The custodial environment of a child is established if, over an appreciable time, the child naturally looks to the custodian in that environment for guidance, discipline, the necessities of life, and parental comfort. The age of the child, the physical environment, and the inclination of the custodian and the child as to the permanency of the relationship are also to be considered. If no established custodial environment exists, the determination of best interests shall be accomplished on the basis of what is in the best interest of the child.

Joint physical custody means an order from the court providing that the child shall reside alternately for specific periods with each of the parents. In custody disputes between parents, the courts will consider an award of joint custody.

The court determines whether joint custody is appropriate by considering the best interests of the child, and whether the parents will be able to cooperate and generally agree concerning important decisions affecting the welfare of the child. If the parents agree on joint custody, it must be awarded unless the court determines that joint custody is not in the best interests of the child.

In practice, the courts seldom award joint custody.

If you have a legal question that you would like answered, you may send your question to my office and I will attempt to address it in a future issue. Questions should be mailed to: Murray A. Duncan, Jr., 10000 South Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174. □



## School Board Meeting

by Tom Shamanski

Computers and advanced telecommunication systems were major topics at the June 11, 1990, regular meeting of the Romulus Board of Education. Dr. John Childs, an Education Technology Consultant for the firm of Childs & Associates, gave a lengthy presentation to the Board. He detailed how his firm, if contracted by the Board, would function as a buffer between school staff and contracted architects. This would occur as facility modification is undertaken to put Romulus Schools in the forefront of today's computerized society.

Dr. Childs spoke to how today's vast supply of information will impact education, in general. He stated that students will need to "know how to know," and to develop "thinking skills," both of which may be accomplished, in large part, by computers.

After his presentation, Dr. Childs fielded questions from Board (bored?) Members. Through this exchange, he further explained how his firm has been of service to other districts, how they would periodically report to the Board, and how they work with architects and construction managers to construct, and modify, school structures so that these buildings will be adaptable to future technology.

Following the presentation, Super-

intendent Dr. William Bedell stated, "In the future, teachers will still be pivotal, and will use 'computer work stations' as teaching devices, rather than paper and pencil."

At that point, Board Member Sandra Langley reported that she, along with Board President Kenneth Berlinn and Board Member Mary King, recently visited school districts in San Diego, California, to observe integrated computer systems in action. Langley stated that they were very impressed with the way young students used computers, and by the support from the teaching staff. She noted that, although teachers were not able to supervise each child, they still retained control over computer use.

In a related matter, the Board was asked to approve a resolution authorizing the Administration to participate in a computer acquisition program. Briefly, this would entail the District receiving \$264,000 worth of computers and related material from the State. If, however, at a later date, the State is unable to pay for the computers, the Romulus School District would then be required to satisfy the debt.

After a spirited discussion, the resolution was approved, with Board Member Pat Patterson dissenting. He felt that the program is too chancy, as the State does not guarantee full funding.

In other business, Romulus High School student, Heather Cook, acting as spokesperson for students promoting recycling, requested the Board to consider various methods of recycling. Styrofoam containers and working with food service people are priority items for these environmentally concerned students. The Board will do whatever possible in this area. □

## Obituaries

### Donald F. Burnie

Romulus resident Donald F. Burnie died June 16, 1990, at the age of 84.

Donald, the beloved husband of Frances M. Burnie, was the dear father of Robert D. Burnie (Wayne), Dorothy K. Newman (Orlando, FL), Joyce M. Deamud (Wyandotte), and Donna M. Gogolin (Romulus). He is also survived by one brother, Joseph E. Burnie (Aisla Craig, Ontario); two sisters, Ruth Burke (Howell) and Mildred Cudmore (Thamesville, Ontario); 12 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 19, at Crane Funeral Home (36885 Goddard Road, Romulus), with the Rev. J.D. Landis officiating. Interment was at Cadillac West Memorial Gardens Cemetery (Westland).

### Mark Dowdy

Mark Dowdy of Romulus died on June 20, 1990. He was 22 years old.

Mark was the dear son of Mrs. Donna (Widmer) Painter of Romulus and Bobby G. Dowdy. He is survived by brothers Timothy, John, and Bobby Dowdy, and Brian Painter (all from Romulus).

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## Metropark Concerts

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra will provide three concerts at the Metroparks this summer.

Concerts are scheduled for Willow Metropark near New Boston on Saturday, July 14; Metro Beach Metropark near Mt. Clemens on Friday, July 27; and at Kensington Metropark near Milford on Friday, August 10.

The DSO concerts are sponsored by *The Detroit News* and MCI Telecommunications Corp., with sites provided by the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority. All concerts are at 8 p.m. and are "free," except for the required vehicle entry permit (\$2 daily). □

## 3 RHS Students Attend Girls' State

by John Domas, Romulus High School Counselor

Three outstanding Romulus High School students were selected to attend the 50th Annual American Legion Girls' State Program, which was held on the campus of Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant from June 9 to June 17.

Attending were 546 girls representing the very best of Michigan youth.

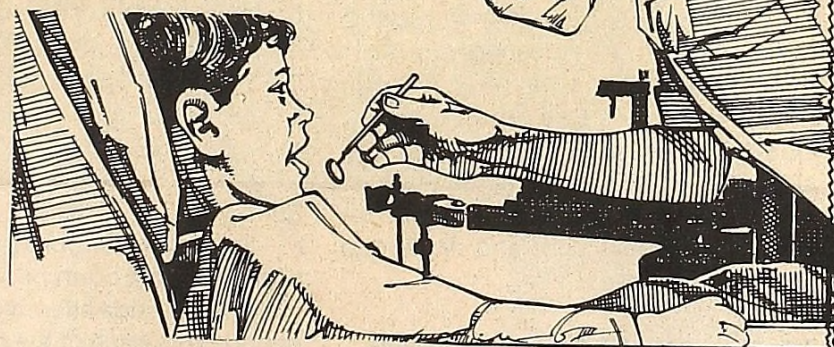
This year's local winners each received a \$180 scholarship. They were: Angela Hopewell, daughter of John and Evelyn Hopewell (sponsored by the Romulus Kiwanis Club); Kimberly Lewis, daughter of Ray and Patricia Lewis (sponsored by the Romulus Rotary Club); and Kiantee Rupert, daughter of Mario Rupert (sponsored by the Romulus Progressive Club).

All three girls have just completed the eleventh grade at Romulus High School. Thus, they will be returning as seniors to share their many experiences with their classmates next year.

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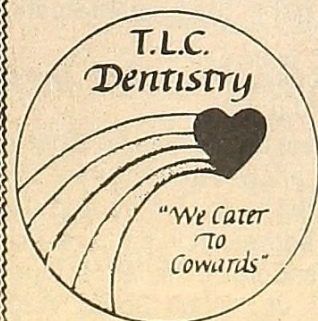
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GIRLS' STATE

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The Girls' State Program is designed as a practical experience in problems of self-government as operated within the State of Michigan. The purpose of the program is to emphasize the importance of government in modern life, to stimulate a deep and lasting interest in government, and to enlarge the students' understanding of the governmental process.

The basic method of Girls' State, by which these goals may be achieved, is that of actual participation in the political and governmental process. Care is taken to design the Girls' State Program so that every student may participate in the electoral process, have an opportunity to hold public office, and be encouraged to share in the formulation of public policy. Since no one person can serve in all offices of government, it is expected that a great deal will be learned by observation of the activities of others. It is hoped that each citizen will leave Girls' State with a mature appreciation of some of the basic strengths and weak-

nesses of the American system of government. It is hoped, further, that they will leave with a firm resolution to make government a more effective and responsible servant of the people.

To be eligible for the program, a candidate must be a citizen of the United States, able to attend the full nine-day session, be completing her junior year of high school, and be a Michigan resident attending a Michigan high school. Selection is based on each girl's interest, character, and potential abilities. Also considered are teacher recommendations and academic record.

Upon their arrival at Girls' State, each girl is assigned to a mythical political party and to a county and city. There are seven counties, each composed of three cities.

The citizens nominate and elect various city, county, and state officials. They are instructed in the duties of the various public offices (including the State Supreme Court, the Legislature, and other divisions of government), and they learn the functioning of each office, its powers, and its limitations.

The Press Association, Lobbyist, and interest groups are also popular activities in a typical Girls' State.

I would like to thank the following people for their help, support, and assistance in making it possible to send these three well-qualified and deserving students to this year's Girls' State Program: Mae Jackson, William Knight, and Al Wilkerson, Romulus High School

counselors; Gerald Nault, Romulus Progressive Club and Romulus Kiwanis Club; Michael Prybyla, Romulus Rotary; Michael Kernohan, Dwayne Harper, Bill Bradford, and Dennis Stoh, Romulus High School teachers; and Bonnie Bossidis, Guidance Office secretary. □



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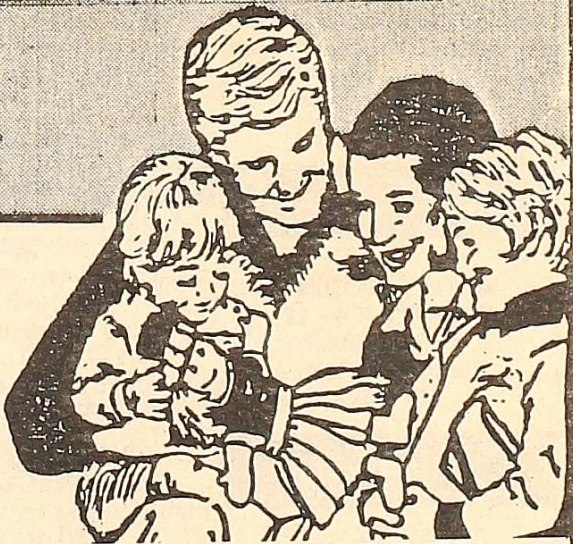
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## LOST

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Funeral services were held Saturday, June 23, at Crane Funeral Home (36885 Goddard Road, Romulus), with the Rev. Aaron Lavender of the Church of God (Belleville) officiating. Romulus Cemetery was the site of interment.

## Ruby L. Guthrie

On June 10, 1990, local resident Ruby L. Guthrie died at the age of 70.

Ruby, the daughter of Mrs. Mamie B. (Dupree) Henderson (Detroit), is survived by three brothers, James R. Dupree (Jackson, MS), Alvin C. Dupree (Detroit), and John E. Dupree (Detroit), and five sisters, Mrs. Mary Richardson (Detroit), Mrs. Rendie Ward (Detroit), Mrs. Nettie Belcher (New Orleans, LA), Mrs. Marie Rucken (Atlanta, GA), and Mrs. Daisy Dorsey (Atlanta, GA).

Funeral services were held on Saturday, June 16, at Second Baptist Church (Romulus), with the Rev. Edward Seay and the Rev. Marvin Glaze officiating. Romulus Cemetery was the interment site.

## Charles Natzel

Charles Natzel of Romulus died June 20, 1990, at the age of 90.

Charles, the husband of the late Mamie Natzel, is survived by three sisters, Dora Steinke (Wyandotte), Clara LeBlance (Clifford), and Lillian Knope (Taylor). He will also be mourned by his dearest friends, Arlene Martolock, Mr. and Mrs. George Bower, Allen Bower, and Carl Bower.

Funeral services were held Friday, June 22, at St. Paul United Church of Christ (Taylor), with the Rev. Jeff Drutchas officiating. Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock) was the site of interment.

## Ola Mae Stafford

Romulus resident Ola Mae Stafford died June 18, 1990, at the age of 82.

Ola, the wife of the late William Stafford, was the dear mother of Bobbie J. Ashlock, Herbert Ashlock, and Glenda M. Claxton. She is also survived by 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Thursday, June 21, at Crane Funeral Home (36885 Goddard Road, Romulus). Romulus Cemetery was the site of interment. □

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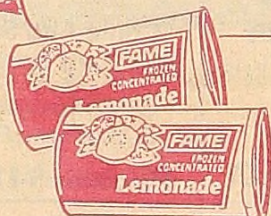
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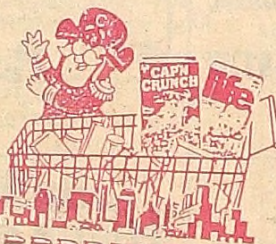
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